

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET** / **U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY**

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Scheduled Airfield Construction Projects 25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 10 January 1955 25X1

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

25X1

- a. A former German auxiliary airfield with grass cover located near Markswalde in the Oderbruch was allegedly to be improved. The field had been surveyed in the late fall of 1954.
- b. An old German airfield near Calau, west of Cottbus was to be used as an auxiliary airfield. The installation had a grass cover. It had recently been surveyed.
- c. A former German auxiliary airfield near Alteno which had recently been surveyed was planned to be reconditioned and used as an emergency airfield. The landing field was covered with grass.

Additional airfield construction projects were to be discussed by late 1954. It was not yet determined whether new airfields were to be established or if old installations were to be enlarged. 1

2. "tactical directives" on the construction of airfields existed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. According to this order, a net of airfields with a maximum distance of 70 km between the individual fields are to be established in East Germany. 2 25X1
3. During the second half of 1954, Alt Loennewitz airfield was surveyed. planned to give a 15-m concrete cover on the old . were planned to be built and allegedly were staked off. Alt Loennewitz airfield was occupied by Soviet jet fighters and that training activity was conducted with single-seater and two-seater jet planes. 25X1
4. According to available information, expansion work at Alt Loennewitz airfield will probably start in early January 1955. The project was called Falkenberg construction site by the Bauunion Sued. It was 25X1

SECRET/[REDACTED] - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

- 2 -

unknown which installations were to be enlarged at the field. A portion of the Rothenburg construction staff was to be sent to the Falkenberg construction site. Frau Hellmann (fnu), business manager of the Rothenburg staff, stated that she was to be detached to Falkenberg probably on the first days of January 1955. The construction site in Rothenburg was to be vacated at the end of 1954. 3

5. During a conference at the Bauunion Sued on 22 November mention was made of a new airfield near Frankenberg where work was to be started at an undetermined date in 1955. The location of Frankenberg was described as "south of Hartha along the autobahn." It was unknown whether the airfield will be located near the Autobahn or whether the descriptive remark was only a geographic help. 4
6. On 22 and 23 November, a conference was held by the Bauunion Sued and mention was made that the previously planned concreting of runways covered with runway mats was postponed for financial reasons until the summer of 1955. It was believed that this work would be cancelled altogether. 5

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The following airfields were presumably to be improved:

25X1

- a. Neuhardenberg, 54 km east-northeast of Berlin and 2 km north of Neuargenberg.
- b. Calau-Bronko, 9 km south of Calau.
- c. Luckau-Alteno, 43 km west-northwest of Cottbus, 5 km east-northeast of Luckau.

[REDACTED] a 2,300-meter runway was planned to be constructed in Luckau-Alteno. [REDACTED]

25X1
25X1

2. [REDACTED] Comment. The "tactical directives for airfield construction projects" are reported for the first time.

25X1

3. [REDACTED] Comment. It is probable that the runway at Alt Loennowitz airfield will be provided with a new concrete cover and that a taxiway will be constructed. The information on training activity in Alt Loennowitz (retraining of ground attack pilots on MiG-15s) is noteworthy. Improvement work at Alt Loennowitz airfield was previously reported. [REDACTED]
The completion of construction work at Rothenburg airfield in late 1954 has previously been reported [REDACTED]

25X1

25X1

25X1

4. [REDACTED] Comment. Frankenberg is located about 12 km northeast of Chemnitz. [REDACTED] the alleged construction of a new airfield near Frankenberg in October 1954. [REDACTED]

25X1
25X1
25X1

5. [REDACTED] Comment. The Soviet order to establish concrete runways at the airfields with auxiliary runway covered with runway mats was reported [REDACTED]

25X1

25X1

SECRET/[REDACTED] - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ ~~NOFORN~~

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Scheduled Airfield Construction Projects

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 10 January 1955REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

- a. A former German auxiliary airfield with grass cover located near Markswalde in the Oderbruch was allegedly to be improved. The field had been surveyed in the late fall of 1954. 25X1
- b. An old German airfield near Calau, west of Cottbus was to be used as an auxiliary airfield. The installation had a grass cover. It had recently been surveyed.
- c. A former German auxiliary airfield near Altemo which had recently been surveyed was planned to be reconditioned and used as an emergency airfield. The landing field was covered with grass.

Additional airfield construction projects were to be discussed by late 1954. It was not yet determined whether new airfields were to be established or if old installations were to be enlarged. 1

2. [REDACTED] "tactical directives" on the construction of airfields existed in the Soviet Zone of Germany. According to this order, a net of airfields with a maximum distance of 70 km between the individual fields are to be established in East Germany. 2 25X1
3. During the second half of 1954, Alt Loennowitz airfield was surveyed. It was planned to put a 15-cm concrete cover on the old runway. Taxiways were planned to be built and allegedly were staked off. [REDACTED] Alt Loennowitz airfield was occupied by Soviet jet fighters and that training activity was conducted with single-seater and two-seater jet planes. 25X1
4. According to available information, [REDACTED] airfield will probably start in early January 1955. The project was called Falkenberg construction site by the Bauunion Sued. It was [REDACTED] 25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~ ~~NOFORN~~

SECRET/NOFORN

25X1

- 2 -

unknown which installations were to be enlarged at the field. A portion of the Rothenburg construction staff was to be sent to the Falkenberg construction site. Frau Hellmann (fnu), business manager of the Rothenburg staff, stated that she was to be detached to Falkenberg probably on the first days of January 1955. The construction site in Rothenburg was to be vacated at the end of 1954. 3

5. During a conference at the Bauunion Sued on 22 November mention was made of a new airfield near Frankenberg where work was to be started at an undetermined date in 1955. The location of Frankenberg was described as "south of Hartha along the autobahn." It was unknown whether the airfield will be located near the Autobahn or whether the descriptive remark was only a geographic help. 4
6. On 22 and 23 November, a conference was held by the Bauunion Sued and mention was made that the previously planned concreting of runways covered with runway mats was postponed for financial reasons until the summer of 1955. It was believed that this work would be cancelled altogether. 5

1. [] Comment. The following airfields were presumably to be improved. 25X1

- a. Neuhausen, 54 km east-northeast of Berlin and 2 km north of Neuhausen.
- b. Calau-Bronko, 9 km south of Calau.
- c. Luckau-Alteno, 43 km west-northwest of Cottbus, 2 km east-northeast of Luckau.

[] a 2,300-meter runway was planned to be constructed in Luckau-Alteno. 25X1

2. [] Comment. The "tactical directives for airfield construction projects" are reported for the first time. 25X1

3. [] Comment. It is probable that the runway at Alt Loewenitz airfield will be provided with a new concrete cover and that a taxiway will be constructed. The information on training activities in Alt Loewenitz (retraining of ground attack pilots on MIG-15s) is noteworthy. Improvement work at Alt Loewenitz airfield was previously reported. 25X1
- The completion of construction work at Rothenburg airfield in late 1954 has previously been reported. 25X1

4. [] Comment. Frankenberg is located about 12 km northeast of Chemnitz. Same airfield near Frankenberg in October 1954. 25X1

5. [] Comment. The Soviet order to establish concrete runways at the airfields with auxiliary runway covered with runway mats was reported. 25X1

SECRET/NOFORN